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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - 1976 SUMMER SCHEDULES

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1. SUMMARY. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) IS SUBMITTING NOTE TO EMBASSY REQUESTING USG TO FILE NEW SUMMER SCHEDULES BECAUSE PAA ALL-CARGO SERVICE (FLIGHT 166) HAS STOP AT BRUSSELS, A POINT NOT INCLUDED IN US-ITALY AGREEMENT, AND BECAUSE PAA AND SEABOARD ALL-CARGO SERVICES USE QUIPMENT (747-F) NOT FORESEEN IN THE BILATERAL. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA REP FIACCADORI (DIRECTOR, CIVAIR AFFARIS) TELEPHONED EMBOFF FEBRUARY 5 TO INFORM HIM THAT MFA WULD BE SUBMITTING NOTE TO EMBASSY REQUESTING USG TO FILE NEW SUMMER SCHEDULES ASAP BECAUSE THEY INCLUDE AN ILLEGAL STOP AT BUSSELS AND, FOR ALL-CARGO SERVICES, A TYPE OF ARICRAFT WHOSE USE WAS NOT FORESEEN IN THE US-ITALY AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT (ATA). HE SAID NOTE ALSO AUTHORIZES SEABOARD TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE ITS CHANGE-OF-GAUGE AT FRANKFURT THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, PENDING RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS. FIACCADORI STATED TEXT OF NOTE WAS DRAFTED BY CIVILAVIA.

3. QUICK CHECK OF SCHEDULES TRANSMITTED TO MFA "FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMATION AND USE OF APPROPRIATE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES"

BY EMBASSY ON JANUARY 30 INDICATES PAA'S ALL-CARGO SERVICE (FLIGHT 166) HAS STOP SCHEDULED AT BRUSSELS. ROUTES ANNEX TO ATA GIVES US CARRIERS RIGHTS IN IRELAND, UK, FRANCE, FRG, SWITZERLAND, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN, BUT NOT RPT NOT BELGIUM.

4. RE EQUIPMENT USED BY PAA AND SEABOARD ON THEIR ALL-CARGO SERVICES DURING 1976 SUMMER SEASONS, EMBASSY NOTES THAT ARTICLE 9(E) OF ATA SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES THAT "NEITHER CONTRACTING PARTY SHALL UNILATEALLY IMPOSE ANY RESTRICTION ON THE AIRLINE OR AIRLINES OF THE OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY WITH RESPECT TO...TYPE OF AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED... MOREOVER, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) STATES IN PARA (6) THAT "THE FREQUENCY LEVELS STATED ABOVE ARE EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF A CAPACITY EQUIVALENT TO THE ALL-CARGO EQUIPMENT TYPES OPERATED BY THE UNITED STATES AND ITALIAN CARRIERS..." WHICH, IN EMBASSY VIEW, RECOGNIZES THAT TYPE OF AIRCRAFT IN USE IN 1970 IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FINALLY, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO NEED FOR A SIDE NOTE OF JUNE 22, 1970 COVERING CHANGE-OF-GAUGE IF USE OF WIDEBODIED AIRCRAFT NOT FORE-SEEN AT THAT TIME.

5. COMMENT. TEXT OF NOTE UNDOUBTEDLY DRAFTED BY ALITALIA, WHICH OBJECTS TO USE BY US CARRIERS OF WIDEBODIED ALL-CARGO AIRCRAFT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ALITALIA ABLE OFFER COMPARABLE SERVICE. GOI/ALITALIA APPEAR TO BE OFF-BASE ON THIS POINT, BUT APPARENTLY HAVE VALID OBJECTION RE PAA PROPOSED ONCE WEEKLY ALL-CARGO SERVICE (FLIGHT 166). EMBASSY APPRECIATES FIACCADORI'S ADVANCE NOTICE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY ASAP RE RESPONSE TO MFA'S NOTE.VOLPE

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